(b) Accidents at unmanned level crossings occur due to the negligence of the road users who fail to follow the road signs and the rules and stipulations contained in the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 for safe crossing at level crossings. Planning for manning of unmanned level crossings is done as per following criteria:—

1.	Where the Train Vehicle Units (TVUs) exceed 10,000	Category-I
2.	Where TVUs exceed 6,000 and where visibility is restricted	Category-II
3.	Where TVUs is less than 6,000 and visibility is restructed but buses motor vehicles ply regularly	Category-III
4.	Where TVUs is less than 6,000 and visibility is restricted but motor vehicle do not ply	Category-IV
5.	Where visibility is adequate but traffic density exceeds 6,000 TVUs	Category-V

For manning, unmanned level crossings, necessitated due to increase in the volume of the road traffic and visibility for road users. The initial capital as well as capitalized cost of annual recurring maintenance and operational cost has to be born fully by the State Government/Local Authorities concerned. Efforts are being made to persuade the State Government to come forward with their proposals for manning of unmanned level crossings on 'deposit' terms.

Manhandling by RPF personnels

1147. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chhattisgarh Express was abruptly stopped at Nagpur Station on 4th-5th July, 2002;

(b) whether a number of RPF personnel cruelly assaulted and manhandled some passengers, including ladies, travelling in this train;

(c) whether any RPF personnel have been arrested in this regard, if so, what action Government propose to take against them;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that due to undue influence of the RPF association, no arrest of RPF personnel has been made; and

(f) what action Government propose to take against the RPF association for its undue interference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is reported that 3 RPF personnel deployed on the Chhattisgarh Express had assaulted some passengers on 4.7.2002 and the train was detained at Nagpur by the affected passengers. However, it is reported that no female passenger was assaulted by the said RPF personnel.

(c) and (d) GRP Itwari has registered a case *vide* Crime No. 10/2002 u/s 147, 148, 149, 395, 341, 323 IPC on 5-7-2002 and are making investigation. No arrest has been made so far. GRP will conduct an identification parade to identify the other culprits. Apart from action by police, departmental action is also under way. All the 3 RPF staff escorting the train have already been suspended.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Funding of railway projects

1148. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be **pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that the Asian Development Bank and the **World Bank have** agreed recently to extend assistance/loan worth **Rs. 1500 crores each to the** Indian Railways, for their various on-going **projects; and**